

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A pharmaceutical composition adapted for use in capsular dosage forms comprising:  
acetaminophen as an active ingredient and a solvent system comprising a lactate salt.
2. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the solvent system comprises l-lactate.
3. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 2 wherein the l-lactate is sodium l-lactate.
4. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 2 wherein the solvent system of the composition further comprises an alkali metal acetate salt.
5. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 4 wherein the alkali metal acetate salt is potassium acetate.
6. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 wherein the solvent system further comprises polyethylene glycol and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.
7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:  
acetaminophen in an amount of at least about 40% by weight;  
sodium l-lactate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight; and  
potassium acetate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight.
8. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 wherein said acetaminophen is present in an amount of about 42% by weight.

424  
452  
456

9. A capsular dosage form containing a pharmaceutical composition comprising:  
acetaminophen as an active ingredient and a solvent system comprising an  
alkali metal lactate salt.

10. The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the lactate salt of the solvent system is l-lactate.

11. The capsular dosage form of claim 10 wherein the l-lactate salt is sodium l-lactate.

12. The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the solvent system of the composition further comprises an alkali metal acetate salt.

13. The capsular dosage form of claim 12 wherein the alkali metal acetate salt is potassium acetate.

14. The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the solvent system of the composition further comprises polyethylene glycol and polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

15. The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the composition comprises the following formula:

acetaminophen in an amount of at least about 40% by weight;

sodium l-lactate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight; and

potassium acetate in an amount of at least about 4.0% by weight.

16. The capsular dosage form of claim 15 wherein acetaminophen is present in an amount of about 42% by weight.

17. The capsular dosage form of claim 9 wherein the capsular material comprises  
gelatin.